



PREVENTION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT

# Office of Fire Prevention and Control

Bureau of Fire Prevention

## Campus Fire Safety Bulletin

### Fire and smoke doors can not protect you...

*... if they are held open or do not close properly*

All the protection smoke and fire doors have to offer in time of fire, is useless if the doors are not closed. Designed to contain smoke and fire, sometimes automatically, these doors help provide occupants time to escape.

These pictures from the same fire clearly show the power of a door. Inside the room was destroyed, while outside the hallway remained clear enough for everyone to escape.



On average, more than 5000 violations related to obstructed, damaged or compromised fire doors are identified on colleges and universities in New York State each year.



So the next time you walk down the hall, enter a stairwell, or bend down to place the wooden chock, remember, the door you silently curse, is the door designed to protect you.



Trust your life with the door - not Dorothy's red slippers.

**SF703.2 Opening protectives.** Opening protectives shall be maintained in an operative condition in accordance with NFPA 80. Fire doors and smoke barrier doors shall not be blocked or obstructed or otherwise made inoperable.



### Is the door nearest you, one of them?